WEBLESS MIGRATORY BIRDS - Doves, Cranes & Common Snipe

1999 HUNTING REGULATIONS
STATE OF MONTANA

MONTANA WEBLESS MIGRATORY BIRD LICENSING REQUIREMENTS (Doves, Sandhill Cranes and Common Snipe)		
Resident/Nonresident	**Age**	**License Required**
Resident	12 - 14	Conservation Only
Resident	15	Conservation & MT Migratory Bird Stamp
Resident	16 - 61	Conservation & MT Migratory Bird Stamp
Resident	62+ or FWP Certified Disabled	Conservation Only
Nonresident	12 - 14	Conservation Only
Nonresident	15+	Conservation & Mt Migratory Bird Stamp

Both resident and nonresident migratory bird hunters (15-61 years of age) must carry on their person a Montana Migratory Bird Stamp that is signed in ink across the face of the stamp. Webless migratory bird hunters do not need a federal duck stamp.

Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (MBHIP) — All migratory bird hunters in Montana, as well as in all other states, are required to take part in a National Harvest Survey Program, termed the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (MBHIP). To comply with MBHIP, you must fill out a survey form with your name, address and date of birth before you can purchase your Montana Migratory Bird Stamp. In addition, you will be asked to respond to several questions about your hunting experience during last year's season. Thank you for your cooperation.

General Regulations

The migratory bird regulations listed herein are subject to federal approval in late-July.

Means of Taking — Migratory birds may be taken only with long, recurve or compound bow and arrow or shotgun not larger than ten gauge incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. May not be taken from or by means, or aid of, or use of a sinkbox, aircraft, motor vehicle, or motor-driven conveyance of any kind, except a motorboat when the motor has been shut off and the boat has stopped. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal, as are live decoys.

Possession of Live Birds — Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

Restrictions — No person shall take migratory birds by driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in range of the hunter; by the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

Shipment — No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

Shooting Hours — Authorized shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day of the hunting season.

Tagging — No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or in custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: 1) the hunter's signature; 2) the hunter's address; 3)the total number of birds involved, by species; 4) the dates such birds were killed. Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services.

MOURNING DOVES

Statewide Season Dates: September 1 - October 30, 1999

Bag Limit: 15 daily and 30 in possession.

It is illegal to shoot doves resting on utility lines or fixtures adjacent to those lines.

COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE

Statewide Season Dates: September 1 - December 16, 1999

Bag Limit: 8 daily and 16 in possession.

SANDHILL CRANE

Pacific Flyway

Season Dates: September 11 - 12 and September 18 - 19, 1999

Limited Permit: Hunting in specified portions of Madison and Beaverhead County or Deer Lodge County or Powell County by special limited permit only. Hunters must apply in writing to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620, ATTN: Special Licensing by July 1. Applicants must submit in writing their name, signature, address, current year conservation license number and a $3 nonrefundable drawing fee. The tentative quotas is 65 permits for Dillon - Twin Bridges Area, 15 permits for Warm Springs Area and 15 permits for the Ovando-Helmville Area. Hunters in the Ovando-Helmville area will be required to check in and out of a designated check station. Applicants may apply for only one area and will need to specify which hunting area they are applying for.

Bag and Possession Limit: 1 crane

Central Flyway

Season Dates: October 2 - November 28, 1999

Persons wishing to hunt sandhill cranes must obtain a free permit available from the Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge; Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge; Fish, Wildlife & Parks regional headquarters in Glasgow, Billings, Miles City and the Helena Headquarters.

Bag Limit: 3 daily and 6 in possession

Exception: That area south and west of Interstate 90 shall be closed to the hunting of sandhill cranes.

Limited Permit: Wheatland County and that part of Sweetgrass County north of I-90

Season Dates: September 11 - September 19, 1999

Hunting in specified portions of Wheatland and Sweetgrass County is by special limited permit only. Hunters must apply in writing to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620, ATTN: Special Licensing by July 1. Applicants must submit in writing their name, signature, address, current year conservation license number and a $3 nonrefundable drawing fee. The tentative quota is 30 permits. Applicants may apply for only one area.

Bag and Possession Limit: 1 crane

Sunrise-Sunset Tables for Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission for hunting in Montana. **(Do not utilize from other sources).**

Zone 1 - Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties
Zone 2 - Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.
Zone 3 - Blaine, Bighorn, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties.
Zone 4 - Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Treasure, Wibaux and Valley Counties.

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3		Zone 4	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
September								
1-3	6:57	8:14	6:49	8:06	6:36	7:51	6:24	7:41
4-6	7:00	8:08	6:53	8:00	6:40	7:45	6:28	7:35
7-9	7:04	8:02	6:57	7:54	6:43	7:39	6:32	7:29
10-12	7:08	7:56	7:00	7:48	6:47	7:34	6:36	7:23
13-15	7:12	7:50	7:04	7:42	6:51	7:28	6:40	7:17
16-18	7:16	7:44	7:08	7:36	6:55	7:22	6:43	7:11
19-21	7:20	7:38	7:12	7:30	6:58	7:16	6:47	7:06
22-24	7:24	7:32	7:16	7:24	7:02	7:10	6:51	7:00
25-27	7:28	7:26	7:20	7:18	7:06	7:04	6:55	6:54
28-30	7:32	7:20	7:24	7:12	7:10	6:59	5:59	6:48
October								
1-3	7:36	7:14	7:28	7:06	7:13	6:53	7:03	6:42
4-6	7:40	7:08	7:32	7:01	7:17	6:47	7:07	6:36
7-9	7:44	7:03	7:36	6:55	7:21	6:42	7:11	6:30
10-12	7:48	6:57	7:40	6:49	7:25	6:36	7:15	6:25
13-15	7:52	6:51	7:44	6:44	7:29	6:31	7:19	6:19
16-18	7:56	6:46	7:48	6:38	7:33	6:25	7:23	6:14
19-21	8:01	6:40	7:52	6:33	7:37	6:20	7:27	6:08
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25-27	8:09	6:30	8:01	6:23	7:45	6:10	7:36	5:58
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November								
1-3	7:19	5:19	7:11	5:12	6:56	5:00	6:46	4:47
4-6	7:24	5:15	7:15	5:07	7:00	4:55	6:50	4:43
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